

Amendments to the Claims

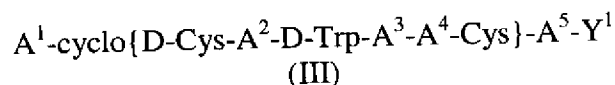
This claim listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) **A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need**

thereof a medicament comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog ~~The method of claim~~

~~13, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analogue includes~~ **having** the peptides of general formula (III)



in which:

A^1 is an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;

A^2 is an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;

A^3 is Dab, Dap, Lys, or Orn;

A^4 is β -Hydroxyvaline, Ser, Hser, or Thr;

A^5 is an optionally substituted aromatic D- or L- α -amino acid; and

Y^1 is ~~OROH~~, NH_2 or NHR^1 , R^1 is (C_{1-6}) alkyl;

each aromatic α -amino acid being optionally substituted with one or more substituents

independently ~~includes~~ **selected from** a halogen atom, NO_2 , OH, CN, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6})

alkenyl, (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, (C_{1-6}) alkoxy, Bzl, O-Bzl or NR^9R^{10} , **wherein** R^9 and R^{10} are each

independently H, O, or (C_{1-6}) alkyl; and

each nitrogen atom ~~with~~ **of** a peptide amide bond and the amino group of A^1 are optionally

substituted with a methyl group, with the proviso that there is at least one said methyl group

in a peptide of general formula (III);

the pharmaceutically acceptable salts or protected forms of said peptides , or combinations thereof.

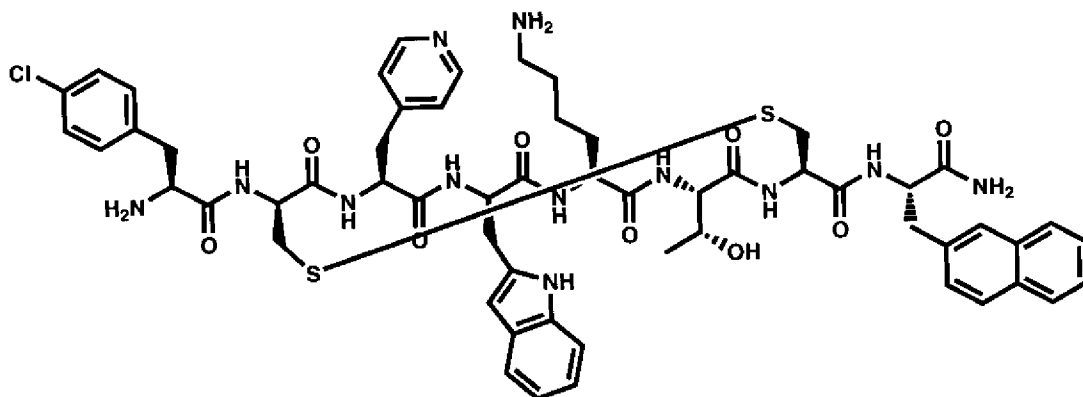
15. (Cancelled).

16-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein ~~the somatostatin antagonist analogue includes the peptide of formula (III), in which~~ A¹ is Cpa, A² is Pal, A³ is Lys, A⁴ is Thr, and A⁵ is Nal.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analogue ~~includes~~ is Cpa-c(DCys-3-Pal-DTrp-NMeLys-Thr-Cys)-2-Nal-NH₂ **Cpa-cyclo(DCys-3-Pal-DTrp-NMeLys-Thr-Cys)-2-Nal-NH₂.**

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analogue is ~~includes the peptide of formula (III), in which~~ A¹ is Cpa, A² is 4Pal, A³ is Lys, A⁴ is Thr, and A⁵ is 2Nal



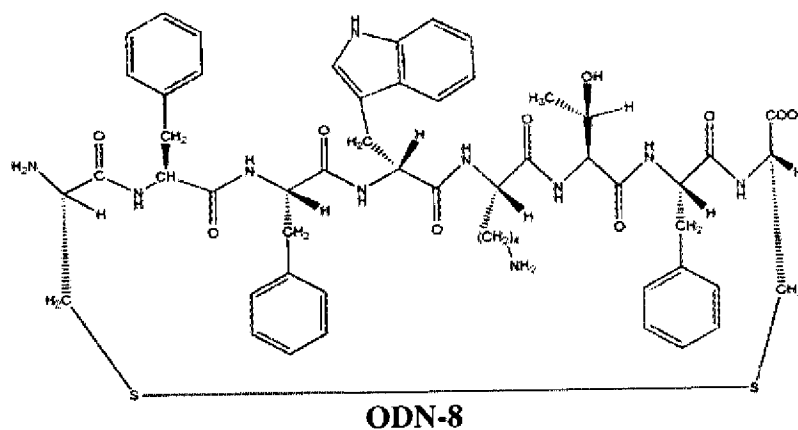
22. (New) A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a medicament comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog comprising:

the following peptides:

- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Pal-D- Trp-N-Me-Lys- Thr-Cys]-D-Trp-NH₂;
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Tyr-D-Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH₂;
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D- Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys]- Nal-NH₂;

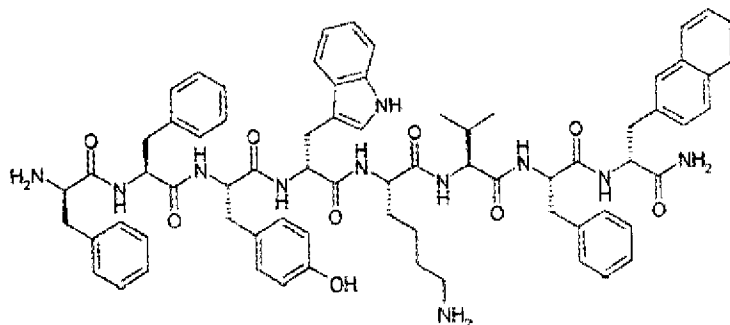
the peptide acetyl-D-His-D-Phe-D-Ile-D-Arg-D-Trp-D-Phe-NH₂ (code name AC-178,335);

the octapeptide of the following structure (code name ODN-8);



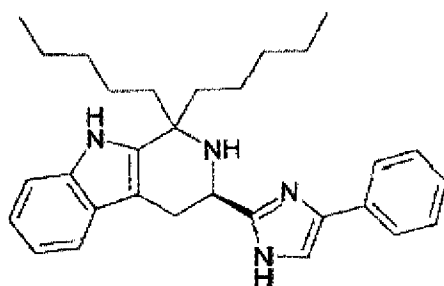
the peptide Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]Cpa-amide (code name SB-710411);

the peptide of the following structure (code name BIM-23056);



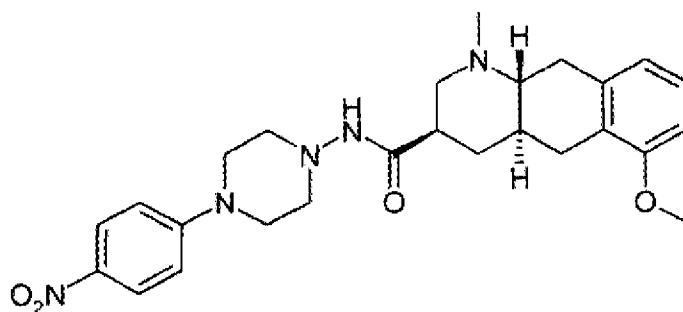
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the compound of the following structure (code name BN-81674);



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the compound of the following structure (code name SRA-880);



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or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts or protected forms, or combinations thereof.